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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**IN THE  
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**Serial No.: 09/924,722**

**Examiner: NGUYEN, CHAUT**

**Filing Date: 8/9/2001**

**Group Art Unit: 2663**

**Title: Reducing Overhead When Using Loopback Cells for Fault Detection In Bi-Directional Virtual Circuits**

**Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450**

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